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WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-DEGREE RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY AS...

DAREDEVIL

DAREDEVIL IS **MARRIED**.

CENTURIES AGO, A GROUP NAMED THE FIST WAS FORMED TO OPPOSE THE SADISTIC NINJA CLAN **THE HAND**. AFTER A GRUELING RITUAL, **MATT MURDOCK** AND **ELEKTRA NATCHIOS** HAVE EMERGED AS THE FIST'S KING AND QUEEN.

MATT AND ELEKTRA BROKE INTO THE MYRMIDON AND OFFERED THE INCARCERATED CRIMINALS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REHABILITATE THEMSELVES AT THE FIST'S ISLAND STRONGHOLD IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR AID AGAINST THE HAND, WHO HAVE KIDNAPPED WORLD LEADERS AND REPLACED THEM WITH DEATH-WORSHIPPING PUPPETS -- FRAMING ELEKTRA FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE PROCESS.

AFTER FINALLY DESTROYING THE LUNATE TALISMAN, THE KEY TO DEFEATING THE NINJA CULT -- **FOGGY** AND **STICK** REVEALED THEMSELVES TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN PUPPETS OF THE HAND. AS THEIR BODIES FADED TO DUST, THE POWERFUL MAGNATE **QUINN STROMWYN** BOMBED THE ENTIRE ISLAND WITH THE RAGE-INDUCING **RE-CID** DRUG -- SEALING THE HAND'S TRAP.

AND NOW, MATT'S FACING DOWN THE **AVENGERS** WHO MEAN TO BRING DAREDEVIL AND ELEKTRA TO JUSTICE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MURDER!

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My friend is dead.

The ***Stromwyns*** have infected everyone I've tried to help with ***Re-Cid,*** the gas that incites ***violence.***

And now I'm meant to be ***punished*** by my "betters."

YOU BROKE ***KILLERS*** OUT OF ***PRISON!***

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S ***HAPPENED*** TO YOU, ***DAREDEVIL.***

BUT THIS ENDS ***NOW.***

By ***men*** who do the same thing over and over again and expect different results. The definition of insanity.

But I ***achieved*** the different results. I ***did it,*** and they're here to ***take it all away.***

I'M ***SAVING*** THEM! GIVING THEM ***NEW LIVES*** WHILE YOU'RE BOTH CONTENT TO LET THEM ***ROT!***

IF YOU WANT TO ***HELP*** CRIMINALS, YOU NEED TO WORK AND CHANGE THE ***SYSTEM!***

NOT JUST ***BLOW IT UP*** AND MAKE YOUR OWN! YOU CAN'T ACT LIKE A ***DICTATOR!***

A ***DICTATOR*** WHO'S DATING THE ***NINJA ASSASSIN*** WHO KILLED THE ***U.S. PRESIDENT!***

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE EVEN ***HAVING*** THIS DISCUSSION!

SAVE THE *BOOK.*

Elektra's voice is *thunder* in my head. Only for me.

IT'LL TELL YOU WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN *NEXT* TO WIN AGAINST *THE HAND.*

Wherever she is, no matter how quietly she whispers, it is *always thunder.*

ELEKTRA! DON'T--

THE *HAND* KILLED THE *PRESIDENT...*

...BUT YOU'D RATHER *PUT PEOPLE AWAY* THAN *LISTEN!*

KSH

WE'LL *HEAR* YOU *OUT!* BUT *AFTER* WE GET EVERYONE BACK INTO *CUSTODY!*

HRAHH! SPIDER-MAN!

YOUR *DEATH* HAS BEEN *FOREVER* ON *STEGRON'S MIND!*

AMAZING!

YOU THOUGHT RELEASING A *DINOSAUR* WAS A *SOLID IDEA?!*

THEY *MADE SIX MOVIES* WARNING AGAINST THIS!

The *Book of the Fist!* That damned *book!*

I'll *find* it--if only to *destroy* it! So it can't harm anyone *else!*

No more *prophecies!* No more *fate!*

THWIP

I'VE GOT T. REX! GO TALK SOME **SENSE** INTO DAREDEVIL!

NOT SURE HE'S *LISTENING* THESE DAYS, TONY!

I MEAN, I'M NOT SURE IF IT CAN *GET* WORSE...

WHAT DO YOU THINK WE *DO?*

STOP BANK ROBBERIES? CATCH THE *"BAD GUYS"?*

DAREDEVIL!

DON'T MAKE THIS *WORSE!*

WE BREAK ***LAWS*** TO PUT THEM IN PRISON, WHERE THEY SIT AND ***STEW*** AND GET WORSE, NEVER BETTER...

...WHILE WE RUN AROUND AND FIGHT *EACH OTHER...*

...WAITING FOR THEM TO LEAVE THEIR CELLS AGAIN, DARKER, MORE ***DESPERATE...***

IT ISN'T *UP* TO US!

JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE ***POWERS*** DOESN'T MEAN WE GET TO ***UPEND*** EVERYTHING ON A ***WHIM!***

THEY SHOOT AT YOU, THEY CALL FOR YOUR HEAD...

...AND YOU ***THINK*** YOU'RE YOUR OWN MAN, BUT REALLY...

...YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER COP.

He's the *best* of us.

But *Spider-Man* has always been *naive.*

All he wants to do is *help*...

...but it's only ever just *surface.* Turning petty *crooks* over to the cops, punching octopus men.

He'll pull the knife out, but he won't heal the wound. He'll pull the knife out...

...but he never asks himself *why* the knife was used in the first place.

He's *pure power* that dances around the city. A *good man*...

...but that's not *enough* anymore.

The Fist magic makes me faster, stronger. The *darkness* is my friend.

But could it ever be enough against him?

ELEKTRA DRESSING AS *DAREDEVIL.*

YOU WANT EVERYONE TO THINK *HE'S* INFECTED *YOU.* BUT LOOKING *AROUND...*

...IT'S PRETTY CLEAR *YOU'VE* INFECTED-- *HN!*

YOU KNOW *NOTHING!*

NONE OF YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENS IN THE *SHADOWS!*

THE *WARS* WE FIGHT!

HN!

YOU PROP UP A *BROKEN SYSTEM--*

--WEARING YOUR DAMNED *FLAG!* YOU--

HNH! NO--

KNOWING A *SYMBIOTE* WAS IN THE *BREAKOUT...*

...HELPED US PREPARE.

P-PLEASE, I DON'T WANT TO GO B-BACK...

THE SONICS WILL END WHEN YOU YIELD, AGONY.

PANTHER! LEAVE HER ALONE!

HN!

ELEKTRA, I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DO WHAT YOU DO--

HN!

--BUT THIS WAS NEVER GOING TO END WELL.

LEAVE OUR HO--

HN!

IT'S OVER.

HRRRAH!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST--

HRNH!

NH!

KRNCH

CHK

NNNHH... MATTHEW...

--FOR THE MURDER OF THE PRESIDENT.

...RUN.

I'm trying, my love.

I'm trying.

He talks about responsibility, about being beholden to ***the people*** and that they don't want this.

He talks while I see all the ***angles.***

My wife is being arrested. I do as she asks.

I survive.

I throw everything at his *preternatural senses*...

...and move faster than I've ever moved...

...hit harder than I've ever *hit*...

...so I can get to *the book*.

The *book* and... Dammit... it's--

JUST STOP!

YOU'RE MY FRIEND!

WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS!

The best of us.

LOOK, JUST--JUST COME WITH US!

WE CAN TALK! GET TO THE BOTTOM OF HOW IT ALL WENT WRONG!

A good man.

I'LL FIGHT FOR YOU! I SWEAR!

I... SPIDEY, I...

OKAY.

IT'S BEEN HARD... I JUST...

IT'LL BE OKAY, MATT...

Just naive.

You have *one shot* at this--

MA--

KRCH--

TOOM

HNN!

This won't buy me much time.

HR! DAMMIT, MATT! YOU CAN'T--!

The amount of nerve pressure I need to apply to *Spider-Man* to knock him out almost breaks my fingers.

YOU... HNNN...

I'm sorry.

I keep moving.

It's what I do. I always keep moving...

...no matter what *God* throws at me.

I want to stop though.

I want to *sleep.* Please.

I want to not think about *evil* and ways to fight it for once.

I just want to lie next to my wife, to have her scent on me...

...to greet a new day with *light* and *joy* and *ignorance.*

But He won't let me.

I want to fight the *prophecies,* the *path...*

...but it looks like I need to face my *fate.*

I GRABBED IT. YOUR *BOOK* OF THE *FUTURE.*

I--I THINK I'M *LINKED* TO IT.

IT FEELS LIKE IT'S WHY I'M *HERE* ON THIS ISLAND. WHY I'VE *MOVED* YOUR LIFE OVER SO MANY YEARS...

GOLDY... IS THIS *YOU?* THE *STROMWYNS* AND THE *RE-CID?*

THE *AVENGERS?* THE...?

NO. YOUR *COLLAR* TAKES AWAY MY *POWER.*

THIS IS *YOU,* MATT.

HHHHHHHH--

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...

HHHH...I C-CAN'T--

...BUT IT *ISN'T* FOR NOTHING.

IT'S *NEVER* BEEN FOR NOTHING.

THAT'S THE ONLY THING I KNOW AS AN *ABSOLUTE TRUTH.*

MATT MURDOCK... *DAREDEVIL...*

...HE *LOSES* SO MUCH, BUT IN THE END...

...HE *SURVIVES* AND SAVES PEOPLE.

HE'S GOD'S HERO.

HRRRRRRR--

--RAHH!

YOU BASTARD...

RCHNK

FTZ

CRA

...SHOW ME.

SHOW ME "GOD'S PLAN."

This man has worked in concert with me for almost a decade with his insidious chain reactions.

To make me a *better hero.*

It involved *pain* and *heartache.*

Tragedy and death.

But I've suffered through it all.

What else do I have to lose?

A leap of faith.

A prayer that God will catch me and the ones I love.

Please. I'm begging you.

--TOO MANY TO BRING BACK IN THE QUINJET, CAP.

I'M HACKING INTO THEIR JETS. IT'LL BE TRICKY, BUT I THINK I CAN FLY THEM ALL REMOTELY.

KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THAT, TONY. I'LL GO LOOK FOR SPIDER-MAN, AND--

WAIT.

RA-MLEE

Show me the way out.

AVALANCHE! GET EVERYONE ON BOARD!

KABLAM

Show me the way to make this *right.*

Show me that my *fate* doesn't have to end in *fire and ice...*

BOOM

HRAH!

...for me or the *others* who serve you...

...whether they know it or not.

SPIDEY! WE NEED TO SAVE THE *PRISONERS!*

WE'LL COME *BACK* FOR *DAREDEVIL--*

"--WHEN EVERYONE ELSE IS *SAFE!*"

WHAT NOW?

WHAT DO I DO?

YOU LEAVE. YOU LEAVE...

DAREDEVIL!

...AND THEN YOU *SAVE THEM* ALL.

KRAH

Fate.

You think you can *run* from it...

...but the direction you're running, no matter which way, *is* your fate.

There's no choice but to run headlong into it.

WE CAN'T--!

THE STORM IS TOO MUCH! AND THIS ISLAND IS FALLING APART! WE'LL--!

KRAKOOM

HN! I'VE GOT THIS ONE!

GOOD JOB, VALKYRIE!

SPIDER-MAN! WEB THE WING OF THE OTHER ONE!

DAMMIT!

I'M OUT OF WEBBING!

I'LL HAVE TO HOLD IT TOGETHER MYSELF!

Sunlight on our faces...

...as I lie next to her...

NF! WE CAN'T *LEAVE!* WE CAN'T--

...her scent plays with my heart.

Elektra.

To sit a moment with you.

To sit with *love* and peace.

MATTTT!

Maybe that was never for us.

Maybe it's just a dream to keep me warm...

...until I enter the *kingdom.*

DAREDEVIL

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